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## THE HERALD INVITES COMPARISON.

WHAT dire calamity has overtaken the David B. Hill boomers of Nebraska?

REPUBLICANS tell us, and middle-of-the-road pops re-echo the story, that there can be no more fusion in Nebraska. Well, we'll see what the ideas of next November bring forth.

THE senior class of the University of Nebraska, by unanimous vote, has ratified the selection of Booker T. Washington, colored, for orator of the June commencement. Truly the color line is gradually being obliterated—in Nebraska, at least.

MINATARE, a new town in Scottsbluff county, has a newspaper—the Valley and Range. THE HERALD acknowledges receipt of the first issue. T. F. Sheppard is editor and publisher. Minatare! In all Nebraska there is not a town with a prettier name. Success to you, Minatare, and to you, Bro. Sheppard.

THE question of submitting the licensing of saloons to the voters of the city is being agitated at Lincoln. The Post asserts that the revoking of saloon license in the capital city would deprive the school fund of \$40,000 annually. If this is the case, the saloon men have little to fear that their business will be interfered with.

ACCORDING to the Broken Bow Chief, the retiring treasurer of Custer county has broken the record. He turned back into the treasury nearly \$2000 in excess fees—almost enough to pay the salary of his successor for the first year of his term. It is a pretty showing and the Chief would like to know if there is another treasurer in the state who has done as well.

AT last the liberation of Miss Stone is an accomplished fact. Now it will be in order for Uncle Samuel to "make Rome howl," or rather to impress upon the minds of the Bulgarian and Turkish people that they are responsible for a great crime, and that substantial amends must be made, otherwise we'll reach out and take them under our wing as we have the Philippines.

A VIENNA newspaper says Prince Henry is coming to this country to close a trade between Germany and the United States for the Philippines. This is doubtless all imagination, but if it were true we are of the opinion that the majority of our people would exclaim, "Good riddance to bad rubbish."—Bavard Transcript.

HAVE a care. The Transcript claims allegiance to that party which insists that the Philippines islands are princely possessions.

DESPITE the herculean efforts of political wire-pullers and tricksters to prevent coalition, it is safe to assert that the democratic and populist parties of Nebraska are destined to remain as closely allied, in the future as in the past. There is absolutely no reason—sound or logical—why a fusion of their political interests should not continue. It's a common enemy we have to contend against. Let's meet him with a united front, and let's down him next November, and teach him that the common people are supreme.

THE Madison Mail is the name of ex-Senator William V. Allen's weekly newspaper recently launched upon the sea of journalism. As yet, the Mail has not found its way to the HERALD's sanctum; but we'll welcome it in advance of its coming. Few men in Nebraska are more capable writers and thinkers than the ex-senator. But if it be true that he has determined to cast the influence of his paper against fusion in Nebraska of the democratic and populist parties, he has made the mistake of his life. What could have inspired such ingratitude?

HAVING positively declined to be a candidate for the presidency, the HERALD, in obedience to such declination, pulls down from its masthead the name of Winfield Scott Schley, and in consequence the name of George Dewey, for the vice presidency, as well—for they are inseparable. The main object the HERALD sought to attain in its course in this particular has been accomplished, which was to nip in the bud the David B. Hill boom in Nebraska. This paper is still for Schley and Dewey, and is as confident now as ever that it would be a moral impossibility to defeat them.

THE Hemingford Herald has been removed to Alliance, Alliance supports two papers tolerably well, and time alone can tell whether Mr. O'Keefe's move was a wise one. Alliance is not big enough to give living support to three newspapers.—Crawford Tribune.

Well, now, that sounds strange, coming from a paper published in a town not more than one-fourth as large as Alliance, and which, notwithstanding, supports three newspapers. Of course, though, the HERALD, not being a republican newspaper, could not expect to find favor in the eyes of the Tribune. To say the least of it, it is an unkind cut, colonel, and if you are not, you ought to be, ashamed of such an exhibition of political malice.

## "WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR."

It has been the custom since the days of the great Benjamin Franklin for the editor, when launching a new journalistic enterprise, to announce in the initial number a code of principles by which he intended to be governed, or map out a policy that he had determined his paper should pursue. And the editor of the ALLIANCE HERALD will respect the practice.

We do not feel that an apology is necessary for the HERALD's coming. A residence of sixteen years in Box Butte county entitles us to citizenship and accords us the privilege of engaging in the newspaper business at the county's capital if, in our judgment, we deem it wise to do so. If this were not true the HERALD would not have become an Alliance enterprise. So much by way of an introductory; now, then, to the point.

This will be a democratic newspaper, adhering strictly to the principles of the democratic party. But it will not be intolerant—that is, it will accord to every man the inalienable right of choosing his own political company. It will not be amenable to any man or set of men. It will voice the views of its proprietor, regardless of the wishes or desires of any clique or clan. It will stand up for Alliance at all times and under all circumstances, and bend its every energy to enhance the material interest of this fair little city.

There is little else necessary to be said in this connection. We have become a permanent resident of the city; we have invested our money here; we intend to transact a legitimate, honorable business—open and above board—and to sink or swim, according to our merits.

With this brief outline of "what we are here for," we doff our chapeau, and with all due courtesy request a fair division of the patronage of the general public.

## ACCEPT OUR THANKS, GENTLEMEN.

All the world loves an honest man as well as a brave one, and all the world despises a dishonest or a cowardly man. Nor has it any more respect for a man who will misrepresent facts. And less for one who whines at defeat. As proof of this the reader's attention is directed to the following paragraph from the Ansley Chronicle, a staunch republican paper:

Our high estimation of H. J. Ellis, of the Alliance Times, as a business man of more than usual ability, was somewhat lowered after reading an editorial in the Friday issue of the semi-weekly Times, scolding the board of supervisors of Box Butte county for ignoring his bid on county printing and awarding it to the Herald at legal rates, when his bid would have saved the county \$500. We believe the members of the board showed good business sense in refusing the cut-throat bid and keeping the price up where it ought to be. Fie, shame on Brother Ellis.

And this from the Bayard Transcript, another republican newspaper:

There is nothing more calculated to give us that tired feeling than to read the wails of an editor who has lost the county printing. He jumps rough-shod on his successful competitor, charging him with seventeen kinds of skulduggery and bare-faced robbery, when he knows deep down in his little soul that he only wanted the chance to be guilty of all the discreditable acts—and more—that he charges against his rival. Such a course isn't decent and it isn't honest journalism. And it doesn't fool anyone either. The people know such an editor is a hypocrite, and suspect that he is a liar, and they take his wails of woe with several grains of salt.

Further comment would be entirely superfluous, except to add that the HERALD desires to congratulate the editors of the Chronicle and Transcript for having sufficient manliness to express their honest convictions, though at the expense of one of their own kith and kin, politically.

## HIS GREATEST FEAR.

Under this caption the Columbus Telegram scores ex-Senator Allen harshly. The HERALD dislikes very much to believe the ex-senator guilty, as charged in the Telegram's indictment. The writer has held Senator Allen in high esteem for a number of years. Though not of democratic faith, yet so near it that democrats have honored and trusted him to a degree seldom accorded to one affiliating with other than the democratic party. But the source from whence comes the charge brought against him is unimpeachable, and the HERALD must credit the truth of the accusation, however much it would prefer not to. The Telegram says:

Senator Allen appears in greater fear of democrats than of republicans. The burden of all his song is a plea to pops to keep away from democrats. Once upon a time he did not sing such a song. Then he was glad to get as close to democrats as the law would allow. He did get close enough to win the highest honors within the gifts of democrats—but now—well, there are no honors in sight just now, and so Allen has begun a crusade against the memory of Thomas Jefferson, and against everything and everybody bearing the democratic brand. The Telegram does not desire to create discord within the fusion ranks. We sincerely hope that the democrats and pops can get together this fall and redeem Nebraska, but it had just as well be understood now as later that no man, be he Senator Allen or another, can heap insult on the memory of Jefferson and still be in political harmony with Nebraska democrats. The democrats of this state have treated Senator Allen right. He has no kick coming, unless it be the kick of an ingrate.

THE O'Neill Frontier expresses the HERALD's views exactly in the following editorial paragraph:

To be in sympathy with the pardon of Joe Bartley doesn't imply sympathy with the practice of embezzling. The opponents of Governor Savage dare not say that he and those who agree with him are in favor of looting the public treasury or that they commend the misguided conduct of Bartley in the least. Pardon does not approve of sin. "He hath removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west." Does that approve the past misdeeds? To remove implies taking away, obliterating the guilt. It is just as safe to trust the man who is ready to extend pardon as the other class.

And often times a whole lot safer. The writer's experience has learned him that there is something wrong with the heart of a man who can feel no sympathy for his fellows when misfortune overtakes them. Nine times out of ten he is mean, dishonest and utterly unworthy of confidence.

RICHARD METCALF, editor of the World-Herald, has informed his friends that he has no desire to become a congressman, and would not accept the nomination if tendered him. But how different with Rosewater of the Bee, who is bending every energy and turning every trick known to a political trickster to secure such recognition.

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